

House Resolution No. 4003

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school athletic programs that truly embody the highest standards of sportsmanship, teamwork, training, and perseverance throughout the competitive season; and

Whereas, the members of the Benton High School Boys Baseball Team at Benton High School distinguished themselves as the Class 3 State Champions during the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) State Baseball Championship; and

Whereas, the Benton Cardinals boys baseball team earned the special status of State Champions by beating Sullivan by a score of 2 to 0 on June 2, 2007; and

Whereas, the 2007 Benton Cardinals boys baseball team reached the state championship finals by bettering Pleasant Hill 3 to 1 at Sectionals, Kirksville 15 to 2 in five innings at Quarterfinals, and Westminster Christian Academy 12 to 5 at Semifinals events; and

Whereas, admirably guided by Head Coach Mike Musser with help from Assistants Greg Reynolds, Stephen Thatcher, Justin McCarthy, and Ray Brown, the 2007 Benton Cardinals boys baseball team consisted of seniors Kyle Becerra, Tim Brown, Cody Kirschner, Kyle Mason, Marcus Pritchett, Josh Reynolds, Craig Wilburn, and Ryan Winger; juniors Zack Colwell, Johnny Coy, Cory Eckert, Justin Mattice, Trevor Moss, Eli Relford, Josh Zuptich; and sophomores Tom Contreras, Austin Garton, Colton Garton, Scott Hedden, Jake Kretzer, and Ryan Pinson; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of such outstanding Missouri high school sports programs as those found at Benton High School:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar season enjoyed by the Benton Cardinals boys baseball team and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon earning the 2007 Class 3 State Championship trophy; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Benton High School boys baseball program.

Offered by _____
Representative Martin T. Rucker
District No. 29

Representative Ed Wildberger
District No. 27

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4003, adopted June 7, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker